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Appl. No.: 09/690,885 Group: 1636

Filed: October 18, 2000 Examiner: D. GUZO

For: PLASMID

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

July 29, 2002
(Monday)

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated February 28, 2002, the due date for responding having been extended two (2) months to July 28, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In the claims

Please cancel claim 21, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claim 20 with the following amended claim.

20. (Amended) A method for isolating a desired gene, which comprises

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